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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF KHULAYFAWI'S VISIT TO AMMAN

1. SYRIAN PRESS FRONT-PAGED RESULTS OF PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI'S  
VISIT TO JORDAN JULY 2-3. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY TEXT ARTICLE  
APPEARING JULY 4 TISHRIIN:

KHULAYFAWI AND DELEGATION RETURNED TO DAMASCUS YESTERDAY  
NOON AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT TO JORDAN TO PARTICIPATE JOINT  
SYRIAN JORDANIAN HIGHER COUNCIL (JSJHC). JSJHC STATEMENT  
(A) ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT, (B) AGREES TO ESTABLISHMENT JOINT  
INSTITUTION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL  
VIABILITY OF JOINT VENTURES, AND (C) SEEKS TO ATTRACT ARAB  
INVESTMENT CAPITAL IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. JSJHC WILL  
DEVELOP CONCEPT OF FREE MARKET TO COMMON MARKET LEADING  
TO UNION TWO MARKETS. COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL COORDINATION  
WILL STUDY INDUSTRIAL PLANS OF TWO COUNTRIES SO AS TO  
ACHIEVE ITEGRATION. JSJHC HAS ALSO DEICDED TO FORM  
JOINT COMMITTEE OF TECHNICIANS THE CENTERS OF WEIGHTS  
AND MEASURES, THE CENTERS OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, AND  
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MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY IN ORDER TO  
COORDINATE THEIR ACTIONS AND ENHANCE THE STANDARD OF  
INDUSTRY IN TWO REGIONS. JSJHC HAS ALSO DECIDED TO  
STANDARDIZE DUTIES ON RAW MATERIALS, AND CAPITAL  
EQUIPMENT AND TO UNIFY INVESTMENT INCENTIVES. JSJHC  
RECOMMENDED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO CHEMICAL FERTILIZER  
INDUSTRY BEING SET UP BY THE TWO REGIONS, IN ORDER TO

ACHIVE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION IN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING. IN AGRICULTURE, JSJHC RECOMMENDED A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A JOINT FISHING FLEET. JSJHC ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE GROWING OF LOCAL VEGETABLES BE ENCOURAGED, AND THE EXCHANGE OF PRODUCTION SURPLUS BE FACILITATED BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS. JSJHC DECIDED TO ADOPT MEASURES INSURING THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF JOINT COMPANIES, AND HAS CHARGED THE COMMITTEE CONCERNED TO ASSIGN AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING FIRM TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL VIABILITY WIDENING THE HIJAZ RAILWAY. THE COMMITTEE IS TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETINGS IN DAMASCUS IN THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER.

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REPORTING IS ENTHUSIASTIC SYRIANS ARE REALISTIC ABOUT NOT FRIGHTENING OFF JORDANIANS BY PREMATURE TALK OF POLITICAL UNITY. REPORTING IN THIS CASE MADE NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO OTHER THAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION. MANY IN PRIVATE SECTOR AND SOME IN GOVT HAVE TOLD US THAT DAMASCUS VIEWS ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH JORDAN AS MEANS OF CIRCUMVENTING BA'ATHI STRANGLEHOLD ON ECONOMY. IN EFFECT, BA'ATH PARTY BEING CONFRONTED WITH DECISION TO PUSH FOR ARAB UNITY OR PUSH FOR SOCIALISM, AS THESE TWO PILLARS OF THE FAITH ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ANOTHER IF HOPE FOR FUTURE UNION WITH AVOWEDLY FREE-ENTERPRISE JORDAN IS TO BE CONSIDERED REALISTIC. PELLETREAU

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